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Your Weekend



- Holiday Stroll through downtown Pendleton
- Author David Dorfmeier at Pendleton library
- Rudolph Run fundraiser in Umatilla

For times and places see Coming Events, 10A

Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
33/20	34/19	34/18

Watch a game



Walla Walla vs. Pendleton
Friday, 7 p.m., at Pendleton



Veterans Mark Jaeger, left, and Sean Degan look at a World War II-era copy of the *Oregon Journal* at the Pendleton Air Museum on Thursday. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Wasco County calls for probe of NORCOR

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Wasco County Board of Commissioners is demanding swift action after a report claims the juvenile jail in The Dalles mistreats youth.

Wasco County commissioners Rod Runyon, Scott Hege and Steve Kramer each signed a letter Wednesday urging the board of directors for the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility to immediately convene an emergency meeting to discuss the 37-page report from Disability Rights Oregon and to hand over control and administration of the juvenile detention facility to an oversight committee.

Sarah Radcliffe, attorney for Disability Rights Oregon, created the report, "Don't Look Around: A Window into Inhumane Conditions for Youth at NORCOR," based on visits to the juvenile jail

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The U.S. Army uniform of Pendleton author Doris Grover sits on display at the Pendleton Air Museum. Grover worked for the Army at the Pendleton Airbase. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

A DAY OF INFAMY

Pendleton Air Museum, veterans recall Pearl Harbor attack

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

The generation of American soldiers who fought during World War II is quickly vanishing. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, only 3 percent of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are still alive.

There may not be many World War II veterans left to tell their story, but the reverberations of Dec. 7, 1941, were still felt Thursday by the people at the Pendleton Air Museum.

In honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the museum hosted several veterans among its collection of memorabilia from the

World War II-era Pendleton Airbase. Desert Storm veteran Mark Jaeger had brought an article about his grandfather, Cal Butler. According to Jaeger, Butler was at home in Redmond when he got the shocking call that Japan had just bombed Pearl Harbor. Already a member of the Army Air Corps, Butler acted as a flight instructor for other pilots.

After Butler returned home, Jaeger recalled staying at his grandfather's house and excitedly looking at pictures of old planes. Butler's love of aviation was passed on to his grandson and eventually inspired Jaeger to join the Air Force, serving from 1991 to 1997.

See PEARL HARBOR/10A

HERMISTON

Carols and lights usher in Christmas downtown

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The temperature outside was frightful, but the choir was still delightful during Hermiston's annual tree-lighting festival downtown on Thursday.

Cori Applegate, a teacher at Armand Larive Middle School, braved the cold specifically to hear Hermiston High School's a cappella jazz choir Majaztzy (pronounced "majesty") sing before Santa Claus arrived to throw the switch for the 40-foot Christmas tree just down the street from city hall.

"I have a lot of past students that sing and I like to support them when they're doing something fun," she said.

The festival tied in with the Hermiston Downtown District's First Thursday event for December, which drew some of the attendees into Main Street businesses with special deals and entertainment, but Applegate said she was waiting until after the choir was finished to take a peek at what the businesses had to offer.

On the other side of the massive tree, Rebecca LaBell was warming herself by one of the metal fire pits set up to add some break from the cold. She said she and her daughter came down to the city-sponsored event because they enjoy any excuse to get out of the house and mingle.

"We come to almost everything they have," she said.

See CHRISTMAS/10A



Santa Claus, a.k.a. Hermiston city councilor Doug Primer, waves to the crowd after arriving at the tree-lighting festival on Thursday in Hermiston. Staff photo by E.J. Harris



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